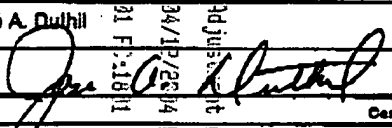


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<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>RD 00*011 1521*01 20</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) 310000</p>		Application Number: 09/544,292	
		Filing Date: April 6, 2000	
		First Named Inventor: Brett B. BONNER	
		Group Art Unit: 2876	
		Examiner: U. Le	
Attorney Docket Number: 2100.0048		Attorney Customer Number: 22,852	
<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</p>			
<p><b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise, if applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed:</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p><b>2. Miscellaneous</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p><b>3. Fees</b></p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows:</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (one Month) \$110.00</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge the fee of \$880.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p>			
<p align="center"><b>Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required</b></p> <p>Name: José A. Duthill</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Reg. No.: 62,844</p> <p>Date: January 28, 2004</p>			
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